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December 17, 1987

Carl G. Kitx Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Sixth Avenue, HV-113 Seattle, VA 98101

Ref: T10-8707-004

Dear Carl:

Enclosed is the final report for the site assessment at Alaska Steel and Supply, located at 3410 E. Desmet Street, Spokane, Washington. The assessment was conducted by the TAT on September 10, 1987.

Remedial or removal actions may be warranted for soils on site. Analytical results of soil samples indicated total PCB concentrations of 30.2 ppm at a depth of one foot and 16.1 ppm at a depth of two feet in one sampling location.

It is also recommended that further characterization of the areal and vertical extent of contamination be conducted at Alaska Steel and Supply. Soil samples should be collected at depths of at least four inches to bypass fill material that has been placed on site.

One sample was collected for mercury analysis only. Results revealed a total mercury concentration of 5.8 ppm. According to US EPA, SW-874, Hazardous Waste Land Treatment, trace mercury content of natural soils ranges from 0.01 - 0.3 ppm. Soil samples should also be analyzed for EP TOX mercury to characterize the leachate potential of the contaminated soil.

Sincerely,

Blishand W. Fullne

Richard W. Fullner

TAT Leader

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM

SITE ASSESSMENT FOR:

ALASKA STEEL AND SUPPLY SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

TDD T10-8707-004

REPORT PREPARED BY: ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, INC.

PROJECT MANAGER: PETER WITT

DATE: DECEMBER 1987

SUBMITTED TO: CARL G. KITZ, DEPUTY PROGRAM OFFICER
SUPERFUND RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION SECTION
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION X
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

#### ABSTRACT

Pursuant to Technical Directive Document (TDD) T10-8707-004 the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) performed a site assessment of Alaska Steel and Supply in Spokane, Washington. The assessment was designed to determine subsurface soil polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentrations in "hot spots" located by previous Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) surface soil sampling.

To accomplish this objective seven subsurface soil samples were collected at varying depths up to two feet below ground surface for PCB analysis. One subsurface soil sample was collected and analyzed for mercury.

Analytical results showed PCB concentrations ranging from <0.1 to 30.2 ppm. Results of the mercury analysis revealed a concentration of 5.8 ppm total mercury at a single sampling location.



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Site Assessment Report for:

Alaska Steel and Supply Spokane, Washington TDD T10-8707-004

#### Name/Address:

Alaska Steel and Supply E. 3410 Desmet Street Spokane, Washington

#### Investigation Participants

Peter Witt, TATM-Petroleum Engineer, E&E, Seattle (206) 624-9537

Thomas Ashley, TATM-Chemical Engineer, E&E, Seattle (206) 624-9537

#### Principal Site Contact:

Mr. Robert MacPherson - Rothrock Carstens Co. E. 715 Sprague, Spokane, WA (509) 747-6160

#### Date of Site Assessment:

September 10, 1987

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Alaska Steel, located in Spokane, Washington, was a metal salvage recycler for at least 12 years until 1987.

On April 23, 1985 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a PCB inspection and sampling of a transformer containing oil at Alaska Steel. This inspection revealed PCBs in the transformer oil at a concentration of 20 ppm (1). At the time of the EPA inspection there was insufficient information to warrant soil sampling. On July 9, 1986 the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) investigated allegations made by former employees of the Alaska Steel operation, that PCB contaminated transformer oil and mercury containers were disposed of improperly on the property from 1980 to 1983. Ecology collected six surface soil samples for PCB analysis; results ranged from 0.237 to 1530 ppm total PCB (2).

Based on the above information, the EPA Region 10 Superfund Response and Investigation Section (SRIS) tasked the Ecology & Environment, Inc. Technical Assistance Team (TAT) to

perform a site assessment under Technical Directive Document (TDD) T10-8707-004. The purpose of the assessment was to determine PCB concentrations at depths of up to 2 feet using Ecology surface soil sampling results for guidance.

#### 2.0 OWNER/OPERATOR

Alaska Steel & Supply Company was owned and operated by Mr. Louis Schwartz until August 15, 1987 when the property was purchased by Rothrock Carstens Co. (3).

#### 3.0 LOCATION

The former Alaska Steel and Supply Co. property is located at latitude 47° 40' 00" north longitude 117° 21' 30" west. The site address is E. 3410 Desmet Street, Spokane, Washington (Figure 1).

#### 4.0 DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA

The Alaska Steel facility was located on a 225' by 275' lot in an industrial area of Spokane. Rothrock Carstens Co. has begun developing the area by erecting two large industrial buildings on a nearby property, with plans to build another on the former Alaska Steel and Supply Co. property.

#### 5.0 TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

Topography at the site is relatively flat with less than 3% slope. There are no drainage ditches in close proximity to the site. There are two schools and three parks within one mile of the site, and Spokane Community College is located within a 1/2 mile of the site (4).

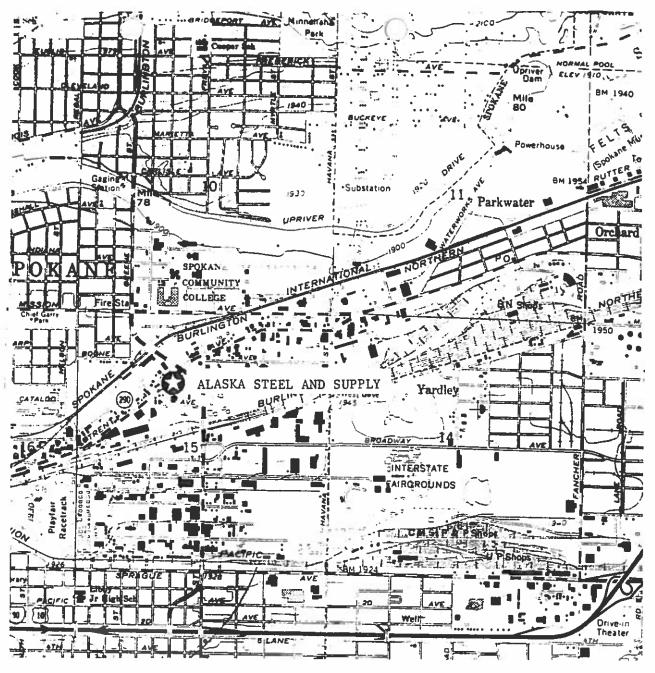
#### 6.0 GEOLOGY

The Alaska Steel site is located 0.5 mile south of the Spokane River and is situated over the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, which has been designated as a "sole source" aquifer (5).

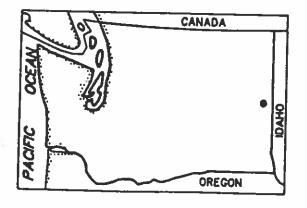
Undisturbed surface soil in the area is composed of gravelly loam of the Garrison series. The Garrison gravelly loam is typically an excessively drained, gravelly or stony soil derived from glacial activity, and mixed in the upper part with volcanic ash (6).

Area well logs typically show topsoil to a depth of 2 to 3 feet lying above sand, gravel, and cobbles, which extend to a depth in excess of 100 feet below ground surface.

Static water levels obtained from three drillers logs within a one mile radius from the site range from 25 to 85 feet below ground surface (7).

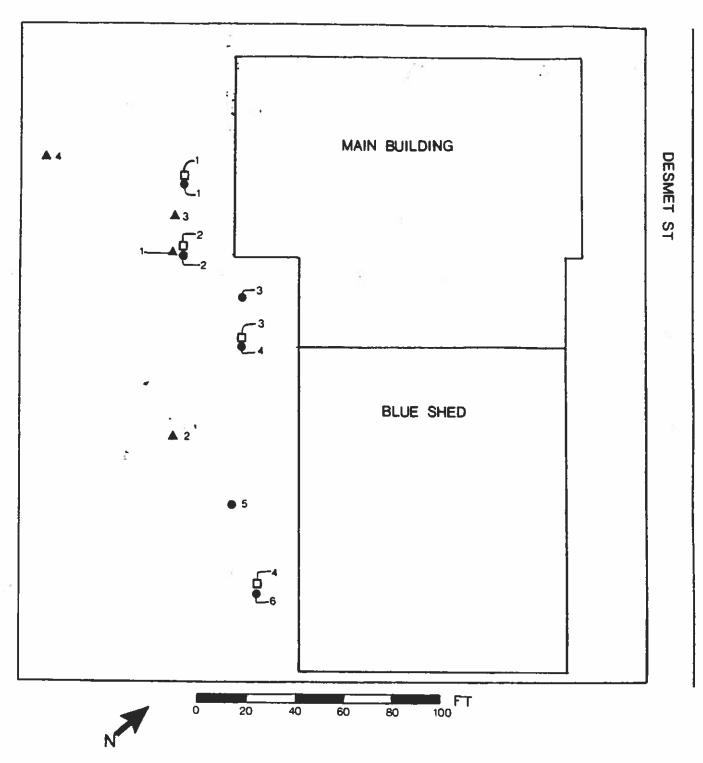






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FIGURE #1 Site Location Map For Alaska Steel and Supply Spokane, Washington



### **LEGEND**

- ▲ TAT pit sample location
- Ecology sample location
- ☐ George Maddox Assoc. sample location

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FIGURE #2

Site Map For Alaska Steel and Supply Spokane, WA The regional direction of groundwater flow is toward the west, following the general surface gradient of the Spokane Valley (8).

#### 7.0 WATER USE

Ground water within three miles of the site is used for both domestic and public water supplies. Three wells located within 1/2 mile of the site are used for both domestic and industrial purposes (7).

The Spokane River, located 1/2 mile north of the site, is used for recreation, irrigation and hydroelectric power generation.

#### 8.0 OVERVIEW OF SITE OPERATIONS

The Alaska Steel site was a metal salvage recycling operation for at least 12 years before the property was sold to Rothrock Carstens Company on August 15, 1987. Allegations made by former employees stated that Alaska Steel drained transformer oil and buried mercury containers on the property from 1980 to 1983.

#### 9.0 TAT INSPECTION

The TAT commenced inspection of the Alaska Steel premises at 1030 on September 10, 1987 with Mr. John Sainsbury, EPA Region 10 SRIS, in attendance. Access to the property was granted by Robert MacPherson of Rothrock Carsters Company upon completion of a Consent to Access Property form. During the inspection, 20 empty 55-gallon drums were observed stacked against the eastern wall of the Alaska Steel building. There were also several small metal scraps throughout the property. Although oil stained soil was not visible at the surface, there was patchy dried and dead grass throughout the site.

#### 10.0 SAMPLING PROGRAM

#### 10.1 Previous Sampling

On April 23, 1985 an EPA inspection was performed by Mr. Paul Boys. The inspection was carried out to determine compliance with the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) regulations adopted by EPA pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). A sample of transformer oil obtained during this inspection revealed PCB at a concentration of 20 ppm.

After receiving complaints from employees of Alaska Steel, Ecology collected six surface soil samples on the Alaska Steel property on July 9, 1986. According to Ecology observations, surface soils at the site were heavily stained with oil.

Analytical results revealed PCB contamination in all six samples with concentrations ranging from 0.237 to 1530 ppm. Results are presented in Table 1 with sampling locations indicated on Figure 2.

#### TABLE 1

Alaska Steel
Spokane, Washington
Analytical Results
of Ecology Sampling
for Surface Soil Samples Collected
July 9, 1986
(ug/kg - ppb)

Analyte	Sample Loc.	Sample #1 Loc. #2	Sample Loc. #3	Sample Loc. #4	Sample Loc. #5	Sample Loc. #6
PCB1016	160U	100000U	30U	1000U	1670U	250U
PCB1221	160U	100000U	30U	1000U	1670U	250U
PCB1232	160U	100000U	30U	1000U	1670U	250U
PCB1242	160U.	100000U	30U	1000U	1670U	250U
PCB1248	160U	1044579	30U	1000U	18424	2253
PCB1254	1237	486186	142	2971	1670U	250U
PCB1260	539	1000000	95	3888	1670U	305

U - compound was analyzed for but not detected at the stated detection limit.

Rothrock Carstens Company contracted George Maddox and Associates to collect soil samples on the Alaska Steel property. On July 22, 1986 George Maddox and Associates collected four surface soil samples for PCB analysis. Analytical results and sample locations are found in Table 2 and Figure 2, respectively.

#### 10.2 TAT Sampling

The TAT sampling program was designed to characterize PCBs in the on-site soil at depths to two feet below ground surface (bgs). Sampling locations and analytical parameters were established by the EPA On-Scene Coordinator using the 1986 Ecology surface soil sampling results for guidance.

The TAT hand dug four pits using a pick and shovel. A total of eight soil samples were collected from these pits. In pits numbered 1, 2 and 3 two subsurface soil samples were collected at the different depths. To investigate the alleged burial of mercury containers one subsurface soil sample was collected in Pit 4 at a depth of 6-8 inches; this sample was analyzed for total mercury only. A blind replicate for quality assurance/quality control purposes was collected in pit 2 at a depth of one foot.

#### TABLE 2

Alaska Steel
Spokane, Washington
Analytical Results
of George Maddox and Associates Sampling
for Surface Soil Samples Collected
July 22, 1986
(ug/kg - ppb)

Analyte	Sample Loc. #1	Sample Loc. #2	Sample Loc. #3	Sample Loc.#4
PCB1242	13	259	12	84
PCB1254	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB1260	2	103	1	1

ND - not detected

The vertical soil profile of pit 1 revealed a dark stained soil layer at a depth of 2-3 inches. This stained layer appeared to have been artificially cemented by an oily or a tarry substance. Also visible in this layer were insulator pieces and copper windings. Above this dark oil stained layer was a clean fill layer, consisting of sand and gravel. Below the heavily stained area the soil appeared to be oil stained, but not as dark as the upper stained layer.

All samples were handled, packaged, documented, shipped and analyzed as described in the TAT Sampling Plan/QA Project Plan (9). Analytical results of the TAT sampling are summarized in Table 3 and the sample locations are indicated on Figure 2.

#### 11.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 3 presents the results of subsurface soil sampling carried out at Alaska Steel and Supply. The TAT Quality Assurance review found all data to be acceptable (Appendix A).

Pit 1 contained the highest concentrations of PCBs with total PCB concentration of 16.1 ppm at 20-24 inches b.g.s. and 30.2 ppm at 8-12 inches b.g.s. The Ecology surface sample total PCB concentration at this location was 1530 ppm.

Sample results from pit 2 revealed total PCB concentrations of 2.5 ppm at 4-6 inches b.g.s. and 1.5 ppm at 12 inches b.g.s. Results from pit 3 revealed concentrations of 0.7 ppm at 12 inches b.g.s. and <0.1 ppm at 4-6 inches b.g.s.

The subsurface sample from pit 4 was analyzed for mercury only. Analytical results revealed a concentration of 5.8 ppm total mercury at a depth of 6-8 inches b.g.s.

#### \* TABLE 3

Alaska Steel
Spokane, Washington
Analytical Results
of TAT Sampling for
Subsurface Soil Samples Collected
September 10, 1987
(ug/kg - ppb)

Sample #	Pit #		Depth inches)	PCB 1242	PCB 1248	PCB 1254	PCB 1260	Mercury
T7090340	1		20-24	8.8	ND	7.3	ND	
T7090341	1		8-12	15.7	ND	14.5	ND	
T7090342	2		4-6	1.1.	ND	1.4	ND	
T7090343	2 .		12	0.8	ND	0.7	ND	
T7090344	3		12	0.3	ND	0.4	ND	
T7090345	3		4-6	<0.1	ND	<0.1	ND	
*T7090346	2	10.1	12	0.7	ND	0.7	ND	
T7090347	4		4-6					5.8

<sup>\*</sup> Replicate of T7090343

#### 12.0 SUMMARY

The Alaska Steel facility was located on a 225 by 275 foot lot in an industrial area of Spokane. Groundwater within three miles of the site is used for both domestic and public water supplies. The static water levels in wells within a one-mile radius of the site range from 25 to 85 feet below ground surface.

On July 9, 1986 Ecology investigated allegations made by former employees of Alaska Steel of improper handling of PCB contaminated transformer oil, and the burial of mercury containers on site. Ecology collected six surface soil samples for PCB analysis. Results ranged from 0.237 to 1530 ppm total PCB.

Eight total subsurface soil samples were collected by the TAT. Of these eight samples, seven samples were collected to determine PCB concentrations at depths up to 2 feet. PCB analysis revealed total concentrations ranging from <0.1 ppm to 30.2 ppm.

<sup>--</sup> Not Analyzed

ND Not Detected

One subsurface soil sample was taken to determine levels of mercury in the soil. Results revealed 5.8 ppm total mercury.

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- 6. Soil Conservation Service. 1986. <u>Soil Survey of Spokane County, Washington.</u> U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.
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#### APPENDIX A



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

November 20, 1987

TO:

Peter Witt, TATM, Petroleum Engineer, E&E, Seattle

FROM:

Michael G. Bray, TATM, Chemist, E&E, Seattle (773)

SUBJ:

Analysis Data Quality Assurance Review, Alaska Steel

& Supply

REF:

TDD: T10-8709-005

PAN: TWA-0525-AAA

Ecology & Environment Inc. received a summary of Mercury analysis from a sample collected at Alaska Steel and Supply. The mercury analysis were performed by Sound Analytical Services, Inc., Tacoma, Washington. There is insufficient information for the verification of the results and consequently a quality assurance review cannot be performed.

The sample numbered: T7090347

cc: Richard W. Fullner



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

November 30, 1987

TO:

Peter Witt, TATM, Petroleum Engineer, E&E, Seattle

FROM:

Michael G. Bray, TATM, Chemist, E&E, Seattle (M)

SUBJ:

PCB Analyses Data Quality Assurance Review, Alaska

Steel and Supply

REF:

TDD:

T10-8709-005

PAN:

TWA-0525-AAA

The quality assurance review of 7 soil samples collected from Alaska Steel and Supply has been completed. PCB analyses were performed by Sound Analytical Services, Inc., Tacoma, Washington.

The soil samples were numbered:

T7090340 through T7090346

#### Data Qualifications:

I Sample Holding Times - Acceptable

Date Sampled

Date Extracted

Date Analyzed

9/10/87

9/14/87

9/16/87

Required: extraction within 7 day, analyzed within 40 days.

II Calibration - Acceptable

Initial calibration only

% RSD = 6.2% for Aroclor 1242

% RSD = 9.9% for Aroclor 1254

% RSD required <10%

III Blanks - Acceptable

Method Blank - no peaks found, detection limited not given

- IV Surrogate Recovery Surrogates not used
  No specific action required
- V Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate

Matrix Spike - Acceptable Aroclor 1254 - 92.86% recovery Matrix Spike Duplicate - not performed No specific action required.

#### VI Compound Identification - Acceptable

#### Quantitation Peak Rention Times

Sample I.D.	Peak 1 Aroclor 1242	Peak 2 Aroclor 1242	Peak 1 Aroclor 1254	Peak 2 Aroclor 1254
Standards	3.94	5.37	13.23	14.16
T7090340	3.90	5.31	13.14	14.08
T7090341	3.89	5.32	13.13	14.06
T7090342	3.89	5.31	13.13	14.08
T7090343	3.90	5.32	13.14	14.08
T7090344	3.90	5.34	13.14	14.08
T7090345	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
T7090346	3.91	5.34	13.17	14.11

Second column confirmation was not performed. In the reviewers opinon second column confirmation was not necessary for compound identification.

#### VII Overall Assessment of Data

The usefulness of the data is based on the criteria outlined in the "Laboratory Data Validation Functional Guidelines for Evaluating Pesticides/PCB's Analysis (R-582-5-01).

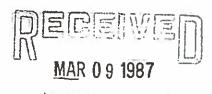
The data is acceptable for use.

cc: Richard W. Fullner, TATL, E&E, Seattle

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February 28, 1987

Mr. William Hedgebeth EPA Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S 524 Seattle, WA. 98101

Dear Mr. Hedgebeth:

In response to Mr. Hazelberger's letter dated January 22, please be advised that we have tried unsuccessfully 5 times to arrange a meeting with our consultant, Mr. George Maddox and Mr. Louis Schwartz, the former property owner who represented to us that there were no chemicals dumped in the ground. As soon as we can get these people together we will respond to your letter.

Sincerely,

ROTHROCK, CARSTENS CO.

F. W. Rothrock, Jr.

President

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## U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10 1200 SIXTH AVENUE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101



REPLY TO ATTN OF:

M/S 524

JAN 22 1987

F.W. Rothrock, Jr., President Rothrock, Carstens Company East 715 Sprague Avenue, Suite 201 Spokane, Washington 99202

Dear Mr. Rothrock:

We have received your letter of December 8, 1986, which responded to our letter of November 10, 1986, requesting information regarding PCB contamination on site at the former Alaska Steel and Supply property at E. 3410 Desmet, Spokane, Washington.

In regard to EPA's letter of December 4, 1985, concerning EPA's April 23, 1985 PCB inspection of Alaska Steel and Supply, it is incorrect to surmise that EPA determined that there were no PCBs on site. The inspection did not reveal any violations of the PCB Regulations that were apparent. However, the inspection did not include any kind of extensive soil sampling of the site and therefore would not have been able to document soil contamination that existed at the time. Such soil sampling would not ordinarily take place unless there was specific knowledge that such soil contamination existed or that spills had occurred. At the time of the EPA inspection in 1985, EPA was not aware of any such spills or contamination.

Our investigation of the contamination at this site is continuing and will continue at least until the PCB contamination is removed from the site. You should note that 40 CFR 5761.60(d)(2) requires that PCBs resulting from the cleanup and removal of spills, leaks, or other uncontrolled discharges be stored and disposed of in accordance with 40 CFR 5761.60(a). 40 CFR 5761.60(a)(4) states that any non-liquid PCBs at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater in the form of contaminated soil, rags, or other debris shall be disposed of:

- a) in an incinerator pursuant to 40 CFR §761.70; or
- b) in a chemical waste landfill pursuant to 40 CFR §761.75.

It is also important to note that all PCBs resulting from spills of liquids containing 50 ppm or greater must be properly disposed of and, thus, the contaminated soil must be cleaned up to pre-contamination levels of approximately 2 ppm PCB, and the contaminated soil and debris properly disposed of in accordance with 40 CFR §761.60(a). Therefore, sealing the pad by constructing a building over the area is not permitted by the PCB regulations and the PCBs must be legally disposed of.

Although you have provided us with four sample results, it does not appear that they result from the use of a reliable, standardized sampling grid methodology, and thus cannot be relied on to be representative of the contamination on site. The site must be restored to pre-contamination levels. To achieve this, you should start by establishing a representative sampling grid. We are enclosing a copy of two EPA documents that may assist you in setting up such a grid. The documents enclosed are:

1. EPA Document Number 560/5-85-026: Verification of PCB Spill Cleanup By Sampling and Analysis.

2. EPA Document Number 560/5-86-017: Field Manual For Grid Sampling of PCB Spill Sites To Verify Cleanup.

Soil removed from the facility that contains detectable amounts of PCB (i.e., greater than two parts per million PCB), should be disposed of in a chemical waste landfill that has been approved for PCBs by EPA. There are two such landfills in EPA Region 10. They are:

- 1. Chem-Security Systems, Inc. Star Route Arlington, Oregon 97812 (503) 454-2777
- 2. Envirosafe Services of Idaho, Inc. P.O. Box 417
  Boise, Idaho 83701
  (208) 384-1500

Within two weeks of your receipt of this letter, please advise us, in writing, of your plans for remediating this site. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact William M. Hedgebeth of my staff. He can be reached at EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S 524, Seattle, Washington 98101, telephone (206) 442-7369.

Sincerely,

Gil Haselberger, Chief Toxic Substances Section

**Enclosures** 



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West December November 8, 1986

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Mr. Gil Haselberger U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Section 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA. 98101

Dear Mr. Haselberger:

I have been out of town and apologize for not having responded sooner. I will respond to your questions in order.

- 1. When we acquired the property from Alaska Steel and Supply, we were told verbally that there were no PCB's on the site. Mr. Louis Schwartz furnished us with correspondance from Northwest Environmental Services and from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. Northwest's letter of November 5, 1985 stated that there were no PCB's and a letter from your office concerning an inspection by Mr. Paul Boys on April 23, 1985 concluded that there were no PCB's. These letters are on file in our office.
- 2. Dr. George Maddox has conducted an independent sampling on the property. Copies showing the extent of the sampling and the results are enclosed.
- 3. We feel that the best mode of clean-up would be to seal the pad. We have been advised by consultatnts that PCB's will not migrate with moisture in an unsaturated zone to the underlying water table and would only move with surface erosion of the soil to the water source.

The property upon which the PCB's exist is being developed as an industrial business park. A building is eventually planned in the area where the PCB's exist. (Please see attached brochure). Our concept would be to seal the material with the building to be built on the site.



Mr. Gil Haselberger Page 2 December 8, 1986

Additionally there is no topographic drainage for overland flow of water towards the Spokane River or its tributaries, so the site should remain relatively stable.

If we can provide you with further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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- VP, Bernie Feingold, dives in Spokane

- IM, Dennis Reyvoz, Iwes in Mesod - Feingold Regger were man mans unter Aug 85, them Bartlett took over as GM

- no hard feelings between But little + others Z - dueon't Know how Reyron feels about Schwartz - would Feingold on Reyron Know about dumpin

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- Magley would know about they burned Jack Campbell worked off and on, did Cleaning work

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U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
EGION 10





REPLY TO

M/S 524

NOV 1 0 1986

#### CERTIFIED MAIL

Steven M. Rothrock, Associate Broker Rothrock, Carstens Co. East 715 Sprague Ave., Suite 201 Spokane, Washington 99202

Dear Mr. Rothrock:

This letter concerns the property in Spokane that your company has purchased from Alaska Steel and Supply. We have received information from the State of Washington Department of Ecology regarding results of samples their Agency took on this property; analysis of those samples indicated the existence of high levels of PCB on this property. We understand that the Department of Ecology has provided you with a copy of these analytical results.

In this regard, please provide us with the following information:

- 1. Had you been advised by Alaska Steel and Supply of any PCB or other contamination on this property?
- 2. Have you conducted independent, representative sampling on this property to determine the extent of the PCB or other contamination? If so, please advise of the extent of the sampling and the analytical results of the sampling.
- 3. Do you have any plans for remedial cleanup on this property? If so, please describe such plans.

Please answer the above questions, in writing, within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Your timely response to this request may obviate the need for us to seek this information through more formal means. If you have any questions, please contact William M. Hedgebeth of my staff. He can be reached at EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S 524, Seattle, Washington 98101, telephone (206) 442-7369.

Sincerely,

Gil Haselberger, Chief Toxic Substances Section

cc: Jim Malm, Ecology

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# Alaska Steel and Supply

1. Can Jim Malm to discuss possible subpoena of John Bartlett. Find out what Kind of information Bartlett could provide. Are there other informats who could be Subpoenaed ?

2. Subspoena Louis Schwartz?

3. Write Rothrock Carstens Co. re results of Evology's sampling - recommend cleanup - ask if plans exist for cleanup (wait for Evology's report)

4. Eventually - possible complaint against alaska Steel and Supply for improper disposal, Storage ?

William M. Nedgeboth 10-31-86

	PHONE CALL DISCUSSION FIELD TRIP CONFERENCE
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	(Record of item checked above)
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SUBJECT	Toxic Substances Section
	ly aka Alaska Steel and Junk.
SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION	
In reviewing the State o	of Washington analytical report
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Env. Protection Specialist Toxic Substances Section	Jim Malm Washington	Jim Malm Washington DOE		10-29-86		
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FROM Jim Malm 509-456-2926

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STORY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE SUBJECT Alas Ka Steel PCB Contamination DATE 10-29-86

**State of** Washington Department of Ecology



Here is the information we discussed. Please let me know if you are going to be taking any action. I'll proceed as best I can.

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PESTICIDES & TOXIC SUBSTANCES BRANCH **EPA REGION 10** 

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company supposedly put in rocks and gravel on top of where they dumped the oil containing PCBs and then sprayed the area down with water. DOE has heard from both current and former employees. Malm has the name of one informant and can locate this employee if possible. He will contact the informant and see if the informant wants their name given to EPA.

FILE

October 1, 1986



PESTICIDES & TUXIC CUBSTANCES BRANCH EPA REGION 10

Mr. "Rocky" Rothrock
Rothrock-Carstens Company
E. 715 Sprague Avenue
Spokane, WA 99202

Dear Mr. Rothrock:

Please find enclosed the results of sampling we conducted on July 9, 1986, at the Alaska Steel site.

The results indicate that polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination is present at relatively high levels. Since the samples we obtained were random grab samples, the extent of the contamination is unknown.

I am requesting that you inform me as to the actions you intend to take regarding this problem. Your written reply is requested no later than October 31, 1986.

Please call me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

James L. Malm Environmental Quality Division

JLM:adw

Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL

ANDREA BEATTY RINIKER Director





#### SEP 2 1986

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Post Office Box 346 • Manchester, Washington 98353-0346 •

DEPARTMENT OF ECULOGY SPOKANE REGIONAL OFFICE

M E M O R A N D U M August 28, 1986

T0:

Jim Malm, ERO Spokane

FROM:

Bob Carrell, Chemist

**SUBJECT:** 

PCB's in Alaska Steel and

Junk Samples 287733-38

Six samples, collected on July 9, 1986, were received at the Manchester Environmental Laboratory on July 11, 1986 for PCB analysis. All the samples contained PCB's in levels ranging from 95 ppb to 1044 ppm. The results of the analyses are listed below.

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287735	003	
287736	004	
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287738	006	

Sample #	BN6202S	BN6202SJ	287733	287734	287735	287736	287737	287738
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#### ABC LABORATORIES, INC. EAST 4922 UNION AVE. SPOKANE, WA 99212

REPORT TO: George Maddox and Associates

West 1636 First Spokane, WA 99204

DESCRIPTION: Perform analyses for Polychlorinated

Biphenyls (PCB's) on four submitted soil

samples.

LAB. NO. 2070-86 DATE: July 22, 1986

Detection Limit: one milligram/kilogram

ND: Not detected

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Respectfully submitted ABC LABORATORIES, INC.

W.E. Burkhrdt

Manager

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

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June 2, 1986

Mr. James L. Malm Environmental Quality Division Department of Ecology N. 4601 Monroe, Suite 100 RECEID

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIVE SPORTER PROGRAMS PROGRAMS

Dear Mr. Malm:

Spokane, WA 99205-1295

In response to your letter dated May 20, 1986, please find enclosed letters and pertinent information from the following:

Northwest Environmental Services

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided by the former owner.

The enclosed information would seem to indicate that there are no violations of PCB regulations. Dr. Maddox informed us that this information should be sufficient.

I would like to add that we are very concerned at the way these alleged complaints have been channeled to your attention and the unorthodox method of reporting them to you. We have spent tens of thousands of dollars with Soils Engineers and following every recommendation received to make this property clean, stable and a compliment to our community.

Please call me personally if you have any additional questions.

Very sincerely yours,

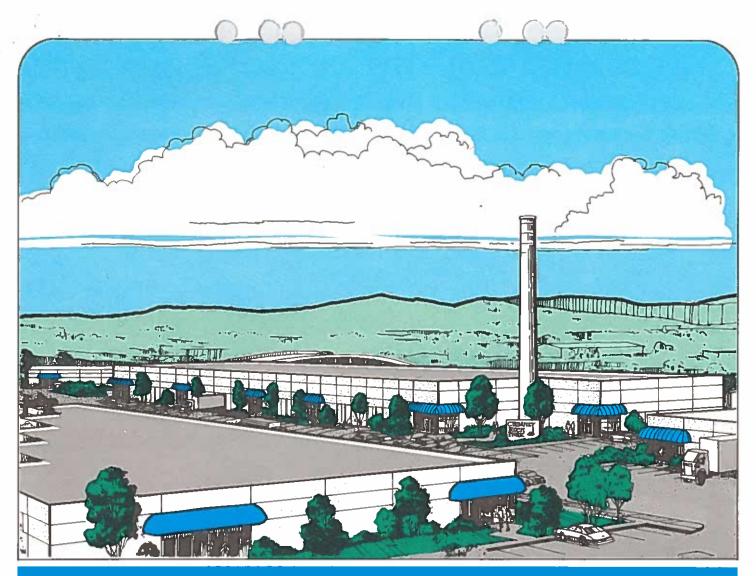
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Steven M. Rothrock
Associate Broker

cc: Paul Allison R. Rothrock

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### CHIMNEY ROCK INDUSTRIAL PARK

**Developed by the Rothrock Company** 

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industrial/commercial center, conveniently located in the heart of Spokane's quality industrial area, with easy access to major arterials and transportation facilities.

# CHIMNEY ROCK INDUSTRIAL PARK

# **BUILDING FEATURES**

- Secure tilt-up concrete structure
- 24 foot ceiling height for high stack storage or second floor office space
- · Dock height & drive-in loading doors
- Overhead sprinkler system
- Energy conserving design
- R-19 insulated ceiling
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- Flexible bay sizes for large or small users
- · Offices designed to suit tenant
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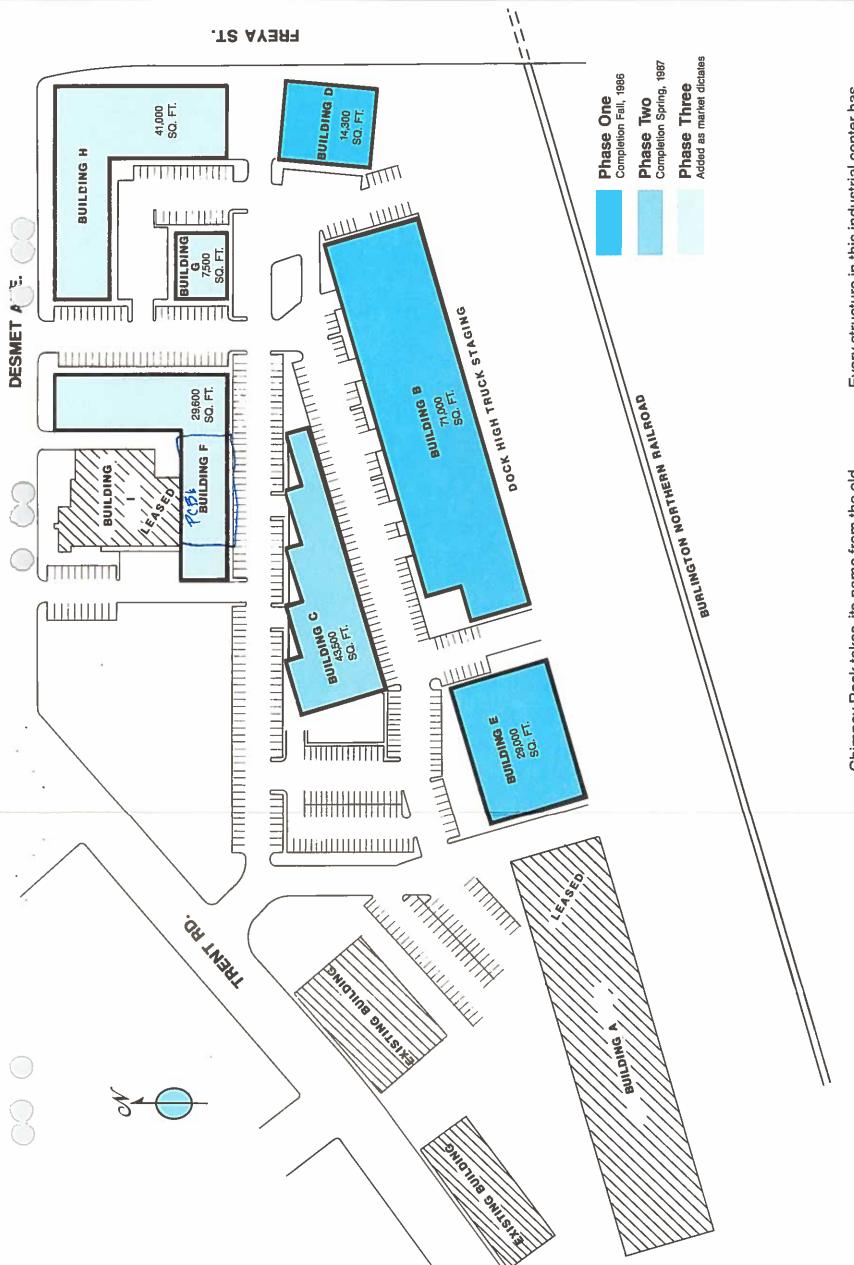
# **LOCATION FEATURES**

- Easy access to I-90 within ¾ mile
- High visibility frontage on Freya and
- 483 parking spaces available on site
- Large truck loading area with available outside storage

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- Attractive landscaping
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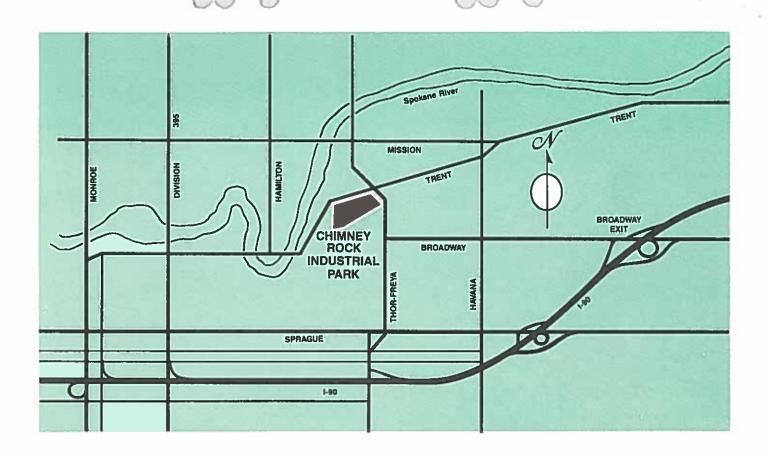
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Chimney Rock Industrial Park is located on the former Armour Meat Packing/Alaska Steel site. It is situated in the heart of Spokane's quality industrial area, three miles from the city center and eight blocks from I-90 on the Freya/Trent arterials.

Chimney Rock takes its name from the old Armour Chimney stack, a Spokane landmark for 60 years. Chimney Rock displays a pleasing combination of architectural design and landscaping that features native trees, shrubs and flowers from throughout the inland northwest.

Every structure in this industrial center has been designed to be energy and space efficient. As each new phase is constructed, a consistency of building quality will be maintained. Chimney Rock's location and fexibility of space needs is ideal for large or small space users.



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Mr. "Rocky" Rothrock Rothrock-Carstens Company E. 715 Sprague Avenue Spokane, WA 99202

Dear Mr. Rothrock:

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Your prompt attention to this matter is requested. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James L. Malm Environmental Quality Division

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1200 SIXTH AVENUE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101

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REPLY TO M/S 524

Louis Schwartz, Owner Alaska Steel and Supply 5325 - 28th Northwest Seattle, Washington 98107

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We have completed a review of Mr. Boys' report on this inspection and are pleased to inform you that, at the time of the inspection, there were no violations of the PCB Regulations.

However, since the transformer case which was sampled contains 20 ppm PCB, you should be aware of the following regulation:

#### Regulation- Disposal

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It is important that the oil ultimately be disposed of properly since liability cannot be contracted away. Were you to sell or give the contaminated oil away to some other party, both parties would be liable if violation of the PCB Regulations occurred.

If you have any questions regarding the inspection or the PCB Regulations, please contact Barbara Ross, EPA Region 10, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch, 1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S 524, Seattle, Washington 98101; telephone (206) 442-1985.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ross, for Gil Haselberger, Chief Toxic Substances Branch

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November 5, 1985

Louis Schwartz Railwater Terminal Company 5325 - 28th Avenue N.W. Seattle, Washington 98107

Mr. Schwartz:

The samples you delivered to this laboratory on September 27, 1985 have been analyzed for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's).

The soils were extracted by sonification in hexage, concentrated and cleaned with silica gel for analysis by electron capture capillary gas chromatography.

#### RESULTS

SAMPLE	PCB's 1260 (ppb)
"oily"	440
"dry"	120

ppb = parts per billion

Sincerely, NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Dennis C. Moore

Chemical Technologist

Approved By AMO

Robert M. Orheim

Director of Laboratories

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To a re proper credit, please return of invoice with your remittance.

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#### PCB INSPECTION REPORT

Facility:

Facility Representative:
Date of Inspection:
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Alaska Steel and Supply E 3410 Desmet Spokane, WA Mr. Dennis Devoyr April 23, 1985 May 22, 1985 Paul Boys, Team Leader Technical Support Team DECENVE WAY 2 3 1985

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#### Compliance History

No previous compliance inspections have been done at this facility.

#### Pre-Inspection Conference

I met with Mr. Dennis Devoyr, the manager of Alaska Steel and Supply. I presented my credentials and issued the Notice of Inspection and Notice of Confidentiality (Attachments 1 and 2). I explained the purpose of the inspection and asked Mr. Devoyr if he had any electrical transformers or capacitors. He stated that the company sold part of its business to Pacific Hide several years ago. Since that sale they have not dealt in much electrical equipment. Mr. Devoyr stated that he did have 5 new transformers which they recently bought for future resale. They are not intending to scrap out these 5 transformers. They do not have any capacitors on site according to Mr. Devoyr.

I explained the portions of the PCB regulations related to proper disposal of PCB equipment, classification of transformers, and record keeping requirements. I gave Mr. Devoyr the names and phone numbers for the PCB program office persons who could answer any questions he may have at a later date.

#### Inspection of the Facility

I asked to see the 5 transformers and to take a walk through the whole facility. The 5 Dowzer transformers are on pallets in the storage areas (see photos 1 and 2, Attachment 3). The transformer name plates indicate the quantity of oil but not the type of oil. One of the transformers has a broken electrical connector on the top. If the unit was tipped over the oil could spill out.

I noticed an electrical device which I didn't recognize. It was labeled "Westinghouse Regulated Output Ballast, 1000 watt, 40 amp, 890020065," (see photo 3, Attachment 3). There were a number of empty transformer cases on the site which are used as storage containers for scrap metal. One small transformer casing contained oil but no internals (i.e. coils). There was no name plate information on the transformer other than the words "Moloney CL-2," (see photos 4 and 5, Attachment 3).

#### Sampling

I took a sample of the oil from the "Moloney CL-1" transformer case. I gave Mr. Devoyr a receipt for the sample (Attachment 4). The lab analysis indicates that this oil sample contained 20 ppm of 1254 PCB. A copy of the lab analysis results is attached (Attachment 5).

#### Closing Discussion

I stated that I did not observe any violations of the PCB regulations, but that the PCB program office would review my report and notify Mr. Devoyr of any problems. Mr. Devoyr asked to be notified of the lab results.

I left the facility at 1:15 a.m.

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Name and Address of Chief Officer of Business:	Date This Notice Mailed To Chief Officer of Business:
Louis Schwartz 5325 28th N.W. Seattle Way 98107	4/29/85
Inspection Date:	Name of Inspector:
4/23/85	PANE A. Boys

It is possible that EPA will receive public requests for release of data and/or documents obtained by inspectors during inspection of the facility indicated above. Such requests will be handled by EPA in accordance with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 522, EPA regulations issued thereunder, 40 CFR Part 2, and the Toxic Substances Control Act Section 14. EPA is required to make documents available in response to FOIA requests unless the Administrator of the agency determines that the data or documents are exempt from disclosure.

Please provide us with a statement specifying any information obtained during our inspection you believe should be exempt from disclosure. This will facilitate the Agency's timely response to any public inquiries, and evaluation of your company's claim of confidentiality.

Your statement should be addressed to: Document Control Officer, Pesticides & Toxic Substances Branch, M/S 524, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, and should reach this address no later than 7 days after your receipt of this notice. Failure to submit a written request that specified information be characterized as confidential, privileged, or exempt from disclosure within 7 days will be treated by EPA as a waiver of your claims for confidentiality regarding the inspection data. Any non-exempt data may be made available to the public without further notice to you.

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Comments:

No previous PCB inspections have been conducted by EPA at this facility.

There were five new transformers here.

A sample was taken from a small transformer casing which had no name plate information. The lab analysis indicated that the sample contained 20ppm PCB - Aroclor 1254.

I recommend sending a letter stating that no violations were observed at the time of the inspection. Also, the letter could include the part of the regulation (40 CFR 761.20(d)) which prohibits the use of waste oil that contains any detectable concentration of PCB as a sealant, coating, or dust control agent.

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#### **Toxic Substances Control Act: Notice of Inspection**

	5pokane, Wa 99020 Hour: 10:00 am
Re	ason for Inspection:
	For the purpose of inspecting (including taking samples, photographs and other inspection activities) premises in which chemical substances or mixtures or articles containing same are manufactured, processed, or stored, or held before or after their distribution in commerce (including records, files, papers, processes, controls, and facilities) bearing on whether the requirements of the Act applicable to the chemical substances, mixtures or articles within or associated with such premises have been complied with.
	For the purpose of inspecting (including taking samples, photographs and other inspection activities) conveyances used to transport chemical substances, mixtures, or articles containing same in connection with their distribution in commerce (including records, files, papers, processes, controls and facilities) bearing on whether the requirements of the Act applicable to the chemical substances, mixtures or articles within or associated with the conveyances have been complied with.
	In addition, this inspection extends to (circle appropriate letters):  A) Financial Data B) Sales Data C) Pricing Data D) Personnel Data E) Research Data
	The nature and extent of the data to be inspected as specified in A through E above is as follows:

Date of Inspection:

Signature of EPA Inspector

Title & Date